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WHY 55 MILES PER HOUR?

Traffic safety is a major concern on the I-15 NOW Project. We are often asked why traffic is restricted to 55 miles per hour. Crews work within feet of fast-moving traffic and are constantly watching for objects flying off of, and out of cars, including tires. They watch for crashes that send vehicles out of control into the work zone, speeders who take away the margin of safety for others, and automobiles losing control.

The following photos demonstrate just a few of the safety issues involved.



A large semi-truck, traveling 65 mph, struck a newly constructed median barrier and started on fire. The incident shut down the freeway for 12 hours and caused thousands of dollars in damage to the vehicle, barrier, and new roadway surface.



While traveling through the construction zone a tour bus experienced an engine fire that resulted in a major traffic backup.

During this incident, two additional accidents occurred because traffic failed to slow down.



This driver thought everything was fine until congestion slowed traffic to a stop in the construction zone. The driver was going 67 mph and changing CDs!

According to Project Safety Manager, Jake Lowney, most accidents could be prevented if drivers were obeying the 55 mile per hour speed limit. "The most frightening experience is to see a car bounce off another car, over-correct and roll right into the construction zone." This has happened several times on the I-15 NOW project. "The difference between 65 and 55 is huge when unexpected events and traffic slowdowns occur," according to Lowney.

**Please take the 55 mile per hour limit to heart!
The life you save may be your own!**